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a. There were 59,895 tractors registered in East German agriculture as of 22 June 1957; in 1956 there were 55,095. In the nationalized sector there were 39,662 tractors as of the end of June 1957, as compared with 36,934 in 1956. The number of tractors in private farming as of June 1957 was 20,219, compared with 18,161 in 1956, or an increase of about 70 percent, which is the same as the increase in the nationalized sector. (LY/so)

b. Tractors newly approved for private farms were in the following districts (Bezirke): Cottbus, Magdeburg, Erfurt, Dresden, and Leipzig. The Erfurt District was at the top of the list, with the approval of 405 tractors. In the Neubrandenburg District there was an increase of 66 private tractors, or a percentage of 21 percent. In the Rostock District, the number of private tractors decreased by 7, and in the Gera District, by 155. As of 22 June 1957 there were 552 private tractors available in the Neubrandenburg District.

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3. The Ministry of the Interior has been advised so that the unjustified allocations of tractors can be halted by the police.

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